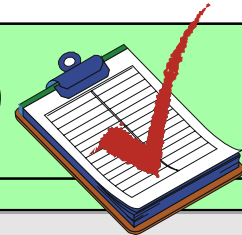


# CHS CHECKUP



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 2000 STATE FAIR HONORED

CHS' 2000 State Fair Exhibit, *The Garden of Good Health*, was recently honored with an Award of Merit from the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators. The Special Events Category award was presented during a luncheon ceremony, recognizing the hard work of the 2000 State Fair Committee.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Open enrollment dates for 2002 health insurance plans are Sept. 10 – 28. State employees will receive a series of mailings at their homes from insurance carriers showcasing provider services, available benefit packages and contacts.



### TIP OF THE WEEK

Infected wounds can cause serious medical problems, it is important to maintain an up-to-date record of immunizations. These immunizations help your body fight infection. One of these immunizations prevents tetanus, a serious disease. The best way to prevent tetanus is to receive a booster shot every 5 to 10 years or whenever a wound is contaminated by a dirty object such as a rusty nail.

## Outcomes Conference A Success

*Outcomes to Quality*, the first invitational Conference on Quality hosted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services on Aug. 2-3, was very well received.

Over 200 people from MH/MR, community mental health centers, facilities, consumers, and private agencies heard from national and internationally known leaders in the

field. In addition, a consumer panel provided insight into quality from their perspective.

Numerous attendees provided positive feedback about the conference. The overwhelming comment was, "When is next year's conference?"

Many thanks to those who attended, and to those who played a part in organizing and implementing the conference.



## Ramona Johnson Honored With Quality Manager Award

Ramona Johnson, an advanced registered nurse practitioner and clinical supervisor, received the first ever Quality Manager of the Year Award for 2000 from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services at the Quality Conference on Aug. 2-3.

Johnson is the clinical director of Bridgehaven, Inc. in Louisville. She was nominated for the award by the executive director of Bridgehaven, Judith Lyons.

Johnson led the organization to achieving a three-year Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities accreditation as a psychosocial rehabilitation program on its first survey. She was instrumental in leading staff in a shift from a traditional day treatment program to a recovery oriented psychiatric rehabilitation service. Johnson instituted a six-month, post-service client sat-

isfaction survey and increased the agencies level of sophistication in the analysis and use of data.

Ten other nominees for the award were also recognized: Kelly Boggs, Director of Hazelwood; Wayne Chester, Regional Liaison of the Division of Mental Retardation; Nan Genther, Performance Improvement Director at NorthKey Community Care; Wayne Harvey, Executive Director, Independent Opportunities; David Mathews, Associate Director of Ky. River Community Care; Glen Rowe, Associate Director of Pathways, Inc.; Vestena Robbins, Evaluation Coordinator for the Bridges Grant-REACH of Louisville, Inc.; Richard Paul Stratton, Director of Children's Review Program, Bluegrass MHMR; and Marsha VanHook, HB 144 Commission Member.

